

CHAPTER 91**ABUSE OF HUMAN CORPSE — PENALTIES***H.F. 432*

AN ACT relating to abuse of a human corpse and providing penalties.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 229A.2, subsection 10, paragraph a, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:

- a. A violation of any provision of chapter 709, except section 709.18, subsection 2 or 3.

Sec. 2. Section 709.18, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:

709.18 ABUSE OF A CORPSE.

1. A person commits abuse of a human corpse if the person knowingly and intentionally engages in a sex act, as defined in section 702.17, with a human corpse. Abuse of a human corpse is a class “D” felony.

2. A person commits abuse of a human corpse if the person mutilates, disfigures, or dismembers a human corpse with the intent to conceal a crime.

3. A person commits abuse of a human corpse if the person hides or buries a human corpse with the intent to conceal a crime.

4. A person who violates this section commits a class “D” felony.

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CHAPTER 92**LONG-TERM LIVING RESOURCES SYSTEM
— SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY***H.F. 451*

AN ACT relating to a single point of entry long-term living resources system.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. **LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS — SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY LONG-TERM LIVING RESOURCES SYSTEM.**

1. The general assembly finds that access to information regarding all components of the long-term living resources system is necessary to empower consumers in planning, evaluating, and making decisions to appropriately meet their individual long-term living needs. This access should be provided through a single point of entry into an integrated, seamless system that facilitates navigation of the variety of private and public resources available, minimizes service fragmentation, reduces duplication of administrative paperwork and procedures, enhances individual choice, supports informed decision making, and increases the cost-effectiveness of long-term living services and support systems.

2. a. A single point of entry long-term living resources system team is created, consisting of the following members:

- (1) The director of the department of elder affairs, or the director’s designee.
- (2) The director of the department of human services, or the director’s designee.

- (3) The director of public health, or the director's designee.
 - (4) The director of the department of inspections and appeals, or the director's designee.
 - (5) The commissioner of insurance, or the commissioner's designee.
 - (6) The executive director of the Iowa finance authority, or the executive director's designee.
 - (7) The director of the department of veterans affairs, or the director's designee.
 - (8) The director of the department of workforce development, or the director's designee.
 - (9) A representative of the office of the governor.
 - (10) The director of an area agency on aging or the director's designee and a consumer member selected by the director.
 - (11) The state director of the AARP Iowa chapter or the state director's designee and a consumer member selected by the state director.
 - (12) The chairperson of the older Iowans legislature or the chairperson's designee and a consumer member selected by the chairperson.
 - (13) A consumer member of the senior living coordinating unit created in section 231.58 selected by the senior living coordinating unit.
 - (14) A representative of the Iowa hospital association.
 - (15) A representative of the Iowa pharmacy association.
 - (16) A representative of the Iowa health care association.
 - (17) A representative of the Iowa association of community providers.
 - (18) A representative of the Iowa association of homes and services for the aging.
 - (19) A representative of the Iowa association of home care.
 - (20) The director of the university of Iowa center on aging, or the director's designee.
 - (21) Two members of the senate and two members of the house of representatives, with not more than one member from each chamber being from the same political party.
- b. The legislative members of the team shall serve in an ex officio, nonvoting capacity. The two senators shall be appointed by the president of the senate, after consultation with the leaders of the senate, and the two representatives shall be appointed by the speaker of the house, after consultation with the majority leader and the minority leader of the house of representatives.
- c. Public members shall receive actual expenses incurred while serving in their official capacity and may also be eligible to receive compensation as provided in section 7E.6.
- d. The team shall do all of the following:
- (1) Hold at least four public meetings in at least four geographically balanced venues around the state to receive input regarding access to the long-term living resources system and recommendations for improved access. The team shall also receive input regarding the benefits of the use of electronic health records.
 - (2) Make recommendations regarding the structure of and best means of providing a single point of entry to the long-term living resources system. The team shall also make recommendations regarding the use of electronic health records.
 - (3) Submit a report of the team's findings from the meetings described in subparagraph (1) and the team's recommendations for establishing a single point of entry to the long-term living resources system to the general assembly on or before December 1, 2008. The recommendations may provide for multiple access sites that are standardized and coordinated to provide for access to the single point of entry, a management information system that links the resources available in order to provide a single electronic point of entry to the long-term living resources system, a telephonic single point of entry, or suggestions for colocation or integration of long-term living resources system administration and services. The report shall also include recommendations for funding the single point of entry to the long-term living resources system through available grants or other sources. The report shall also include recommendations regarding the use of electronic health records.

CHAPTER 93**REGULATION OF HOSPITALS
AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES***H.F. 528*

AN ACT relating to the regulation of hospitals and health care facilities by the department of inspections and appeals, including investigations of complaints against health care facilities and rules relating to authentication of certain orders by practitioners, and providing an immediate effective date.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 135B.7A, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:
135B.7A PROCEDURES — ORDERS.

The department shall adopt rules that require hospitals to establish procedures for authentication of medication and standing all verbal orders by a practitioner within a period not to exceed thirty days following a patient's discharge.

Sec. 2. Section 135C.38, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:

a. Upon receipt of a complaint made in accordance with section 135C.37, the department or resident advocate committee shall make a preliminary review of the complaint. Unless the department or committee concludes that the complaint is intended to harass a facility or a licensee or is without reasonable basis, it the department or committee shall within twenty working days of receipt of the complaint make or cause to be made an on-site inspection of the health care facility which is the subject of the complaint. within the time period determined pursuant to the following guidelines, which period shall commence on the date of receipt of the complaint:

(1) For nursing facilities, an on-site inspection shall be initiated as follows:

(a) Within two working days for a complaint determined by the department or committee to be an alleged immediate jeopardy situation.

(b) Within ten working days for a complaint determined by the department or committee to be an alleged high-level, nonimmediate jeopardy situation.

(c) Within forty-five calendar days for a complaint determined by the department or committee to be an alleged nonimmediate jeopardy situation, other than a high-level situation.

(2) For all other types of health care facilities, an on-site inspection shall be initiated as follows:

(a) Within two working days for a complaint determined by the department or committee to be an alleged immediate jeopardy situation.

(b) Within twenty working days for a complaint determined by the department or committee to be an alleged high-level, nonimmediate jeopardy situation.

(c) Within forty-five calendar days for a complaint determined by the department or committee to be an alleged nonimmediate jeopardy situation, other than a high-level situation.

Sec. 3. 2001 Iowa Acts, chapter 93, section 2, is repealed.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. The section of this Act repealing 2001 Iowa Acts, chapter 93, section 2, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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